

**Amendments to the Specification**

The specification as amended below replaces all prior version of the specification.

Paragraph [0016] is replaced as follows:

[0001] The rigid spacer 10 is configured so that the steps or ridges 20 and pointed projections 22 extend towards the lands 42 of the glass blocks 40. Ridges 24 on the rigid spacer 10 project generally towards the raised profile 44 of the glass blocks 40. When the opposing glass blocks 40 are finally assembled as shown [[show]] in Fig. 6, the steps or ridges 20 of the rigid spacer either contact or come into close proximity with the lands 42 of the glass blocks 40. The space between the rigid spacer 10 and the edges of the glass blocks 40 can be left open or can be filled with a silicon or an epoxy or other appropriate adhesive, cement or grouting material. The flat end portions 30 of the rigid spacer 10 can thus either be exposed edgewise or can be covered by an adhesive or grouting material.

The abstract of the disclosure as amended below replaces all prior version of the abstract.

A rigid spacer used in the construction of translucent or glass block window or wall assemblies, the rigid spacer has a shape conforming to the edge profile of glass blocks and a plurality of steps or ridges [[rigids]] extending toward the glass blocks to engage and secure the glass blocks with an adhesive, cement or grouting material.